



# *Teaching in Taiwan 2014-2015*



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q/A** What is the Teaching in Taiwan program?

This program provides experienced and newly licensed American teachers with the opportunity to teach in Taiwanese schools for one academic year. Participants will work with local Taiwanese teachers to develop curriculum and teach English to students in grade level 1 to 9.

### **Q/A** Who is eligible to participate?

Any licensed American teacher may apply to participate in this program. This includes experienced teachers or new teachers with an initial license. Preference will be given to those applicants who are experienced in teaching English as a native language or teaching English as a second language.

### **Q/A** What are the requirements?

All applicants must:

1. obtain bachelor's or higher degree,
2. be a certified teacher,
3. commit to abide by the laws and regulations of Republic of China (Taiwan),
4. be competent in interpersonal and communication skills,
5. demonstrate understanding and be respectful of the local culture.

### **Q/A** How do I apply for the program?

To apply for the Teaching in Taiwan program, you'll need to complete and submit a brief application package. You can get a copy of this application package at <http://www.moetw.org/2013/05/teaching-english-in-taiwan.html>. All applications must be received at the address provided in the application package not later than **Friday, May 30, 2014**.

### **Q/A** How many teachers will be accepted for this program?

Each year, a selection committee for the Ministry of Education in the Republic of China will choose about 20 teachers to participate. The confirmed number will be announced after schools report to the Ministry of Education in Taiwan.

## **Q/A** If I'm selected, how long will I be in Taiwan?

All teachers selected to participate in this program will sign a 12-month contract with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China to teach in Taiwan. This contract runs from August 2014 to July 2015.

## **Q/A** What will my work week be like?

Teachers are required to work 40 hours a week, 8 hours a day, five days a week.

## **Q/A** What would my responsibilities be in Taiwan?

Each American teacher will be paired with a Taiwanese classroom teacher. In addition to giving English language instruction, each American teacher will work with Taiwanese educators to develop a curriculum, prepare lesson plans and teaching materials, conduct classes, and evaluate student progress.

## **Q/A** How will I be compensated for my work in Taiwan?

Each hired teacher will receive a monthly salary, air fare, housing stipends, health insurance, and labor insurance. Salaries will be dependent on teaching experience and the level of education. Monthly salary ranging from NT\$62,720 to \$73,025 ( $\approx$  US\$2,000 to \$2,400) for up to 12 months per year

In addition, teachers who have taught for 12 months and annual performance are graded "A" are each given an extra month's pay as a bonus. Those whose performances are graded "B" are given an extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  month's pay as a bonus.

## **Q/A** What are Living Costs in Taiwan?

Total expenses for a month could be as little as US\$550, for a single. However, it is more realistic to expect US\$690 to \$850 per month.

## **Q/A** Where will I live in Taiwan?

In addition to your salary, the Taiwanese government will help in providing American teachers with housing or dormitory for a single or family, whichever is applicable.

**Otherwise, the Taiwanese Government will provide American teachers with rent allowance. This is in addition to the Monthly salary.**

## **Q/A** Will I have to buy a plane ticket?

The Taiwanese government will provide each teacher with one (1) round-trip plane ticket to Taiwan for him/her and if applicable, one (1) round-trip plane ticket for a family member.

**The one-way airfare will be reimbursed based on the actual itinerary travelled and will not exceed NT\$40,000 (≐ US\$1,300)/per teacher.**

***Q/A* What kind of documentation will I need to travel to and work in Taiwan?**

American teachers will need current passports, visas, and work permits to work in Taiwan.

***Q/A* Who should I contact for more information about the Teaching in Taiwan program?**

Contact Ms. Isabelle Chen at Education Division of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston with any additional questions you have. You can reach her at [houston@moetw.org](mailto:houston@moetw.org) or 713-8710-851.